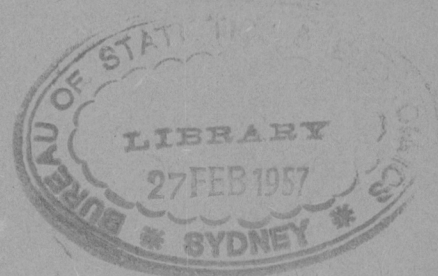


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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Except where otherwise specified, employment figures contained in this Bulletin are based on data obtained from the 1933 Census, the Civilian Register of 1943, the Occupation Survey of 1945, Annual Censuses of Factory Production, and returns from Governmental Authorities, together with Pay-roll Tax returns. Pay-roll Tax returns at present cover approximately 75 per cent. of the total estimated numbers employed and are lodged by all employers paying more than £120 per week in wages (other than certain Commonwealth Government Authorities, religious and benevolent institutions, public hospitals and other similar organisations specifically exempted under the Pay-roll Tax Assessment Act 1941-1954). This Act, when originally introduced in 1941, required employers paying wages of more than £20 per week to lodge returns. The exemption limit was raised to £80 per week from 1st October, 1953. Prior to 1st September, 1954, when the present exemption limit was introduced, employment recorded on Pay-roll Tax returns covered approximately 80 per cent. of the total estimated numbers employed.

The terms "Employment", "Number Employed", "Employees" and "Wage Earners" used herein are synonymous with, and relate to, "wage and salary earners" on pay-rolls or "in employment" in the latter part of each month as distinct from numbers of employees actually working on a specific date. They include persons employed part-time.

PREFACE

The figures relating to employment published in this Bulletin are estimates. The Census of June, 1954, may show the need for some revision in the monthly aggregates. It is not anticipated, however, that any such revisions will affect the trends shown by the figures in Tables 1 to 8. Some revisions will be necessary in the totals and trends in employment shown for individual industries (particularly manufacturing) in Tables 9 and 10. Tables showing employment in individual classes of factory are not published pending review.

2. Call-ups for short periods of National Service Training have occurred from time to time since August, 1951, and other variations occur in numbers of personnel in the Services. These are shown in item 4 below and in Table 4 page 3 thereof.

TOTAL CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES AND DEFENCE FORCES : AUSTRALIA (EXCLUDING Wage Earners in Rural Industry and in Private Domestic Service) (Thousands)

	1955		1956				
	Nov.	Dec.	August	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
MALES							
1. In Private Employment	1417.2	1416.6	1414.3	1416.1	1416.5	*1424.7	1420.1
In Governmental Employment -							
Commonwealth Authorities -							
Defence Group (a)	30.7	30.7	31.5	30.7	29.3	29.0	29.0
Other	131.1	131.1	131.5	131.8	132.2	133.6	133.6
State and Semi-Governmental	368.3	369.3	377.2	376.1	374.3	373.8	373.5
Local Authorities	65.1	65.2	65.5	65.4	65.8	66.2	66.4
2. Total Governmental	595.2	596.3	605.7	604.0	601.6	602.6	602.5
3. Grand Total in Civilian Employment	2012.4	2012.9	2020.0	2020.1	2018.1	*2027.3	2022.6
4. Defence Forces (Permanent, Oversea and National Service Trainees in Camp) (b)	51.9	49.8	59.6	58.8	58.0	50.3	47.5
5. Total, Civilian Employees, Defence Forces and Trainees	2064.3	2062.7	2079.6	2078.9	2076.1	*2077.6	2070.1

FEMALES

1. In Private Employment	631.2	634.2	625.7	627.1	630.0	635.9	635.4
In Governmental Employment -							
Commonwealth Authorities -							
Defence Group (a)	7.1	7.1	7.2	7.0	6.4	6.2	6.2
Other	38.4	37.5	39.3	39.1	39.1	39.5	38.7
State and Semi-Governmental	73.5	73.4	77.9	77.6	77.6	77.6	77.2
Local Authorities	5.9	6.0	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.3	6.3
2. Total Governmental	124.9	124.0	130.6	129.9	129.3	129.6	128.4
3. Grand Total in Civilian Employment	756.1	758.2	756.3	757.0	759.3	765.5	763.8
4. Defence Forces (Permanent and Oversea)	2.0	2.0	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9
5. Total, Civilian Employees and Defence Forces	758.1	760.2	758.2	758.9	761.2	767.4	765.7

PERSONS

1. In Private Employment	2048.4	2050.8	2040.0	2043.2	2046.5	*2060.6	2055.5
In Governmental Employment -							
Commonwealth Authorities -							
Defence Group (a)	37.8	37.8	38.7	37.7	35.7	35.2	35.2
Other	169.5	168.6	170.8	170.9	171.3	173.1	172.3
State and Semi-Governmental	441.8	442.7	455.1	453.7	451.9	451.4	450.7
Local Authorities	71.0	71.2	71.7	71.6	72.0	72.5	72.7
2. Total Governmental	720.1	720.3	736.3	733.9	730.9	732.2	730.9
3. Grand Total in Civilian Employment	2768.5	2771.1	2776.3	2777.1	2777.4	*2792.8	2786.4
4. Defence Forces (Permanent, Oversea and National Service Trainees in Camp) (b)	53.9	51.8	61.5	60.7	59.9	52.2	49.4
5. Total, Civilian Employees, Defence Forces and Trainees	2822.4	2822.9	2837.8	2837.8	2837.3	*2845.0	2835.8

(a) Comprises employees of the Departments of Air, Army, Navy, Defence, Supply and Defence Production. (b) Excludes rural workers and students in camp undergoing National Service Training but includes non-enlisted personnel. * Revised.

TABLE 1 : TOTAL CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES - AUSTRALIA
(EXCLUDING Wage Earners in Rural Industry and in Private Domestic Service)
(Thousands)

Month	Males			Females			Persons		
	1954-55	1955-56	1956-57	1954-55	1955-56	1956-57	1954-55	1955-56	1956-57
July	1947.3	(a)1996.0	2021.9	709.1	738.7	757.6	2656.4	(a)2734.7	2779.5
August	1949.3	1999.6	2020.0	710.5	740.9	756.3	2659.8	2740.5	2776.3
September	1953.1	2003.1	2020.1	714.6	743.9	757.0	2667.7	2747.0	2777.1
October	1955.2	2001.7	2018.1	718.7	747.8	759.3	2673.9	2749.5	2777.4
November	1964.8	2012.4	*2027.3	727.5	756.1	765.5	2692.3	2768.5	*2792.8
December	1969.0	2012.9	2022.6	731.9	758.2	763.8	2700.9	2771.1	2786.4
January	1968.1	(a)1990.7		724.2	752.2		2692.3	(a)2742.9	
February	1977.4	2018.8		732.8	759.4		2710.2	2778.2	
March	1986.2	2020.1		737.5	762.2		2723.7	2782.3	
April	1990.8	2025.4		736.0	760.3		2726.8	2785.7	
May	1995.4	2028.1		737.2	760.6		2732.6	2788.7	
June	2000.5	2025.9		738.5	758.9		2739.0	2784.8	

(a) Affected by industrial disputes.

TABLE 2 : DEFENCE FORCES - AUSTRALIA
(Permanent and Oversea Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in Camp (a))
(Thousands)

Month	Males			Females			Persons		
	1954-55	1955-56	1956-57	1954-55	1955-56	1956-57	1954-55	1955-56	1956-57
July	61.5	59.9	59.6	2.0	2.1	2.0	63.5	62.0	61.6
August	61.5	60.2	59.6	2.0	2.2	1.9	63.5	62.4	61.5
September	60.8	60.1	58.8	2.1	2.1	1.9	62.9	62.2	60.7
October	60.5	60.0	58.0	2.1	2.0	1.9	62.6	62.0	59.9
November	52.5	51.9	50.3	2.1	2.0	1.9	54.6	53.9	52.2
December	50.1	49.8	47.5	2.0	2.0	1.9	52.1	51.8	49.4
January	60.1	59.9		2.0	2.0		62.1	61.9	
February	60.1	60.1		2.1	2.0		62.2	62.1	
March	57.9	58.4		2.1	1.9		60.0	60.3	
April	58.9	58.9		2.1	1.9		61.0	60.8	
May	59.1	58.6		2.1	2.0		61.2	60.6	
June	57.7	57.3		2.1	2.0		59.8	59.3	

(a) Non-enlisted personnel are included. Rural workers and students in camp undergoing National Service Training are excluded.

TABLE 3 : TOTAL CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES, DEFENCE FORCES AND TRAINEES - AUSTRALIA
(EXCLUDING Wage Earners in Rural Industry and in Private Domestic Service)
(Thousands)

Month	Males			Females			Persons		
	1954-55	1955-56	1956-57	1954-55	1955-56	1956-57	1954-55	1955-56	1956-57
July	2008.8	(a)2055.9	2081.5	711.1	740.8	759.6	2719.9	(a)2796.7	2841.1
August	2010.8	2059.8	2079.6	712.5	743.1	758.2	2723.3	2802.9	2837.8
September	2013.9	2063.2	2078.9	716.7	746.0	758.9	2730.6	2809.2	2837.8
October	2015.7	2061.7	2076.1	720.8	749.8	761.2	2736.5	2811.5	2837.3
November	2017.3	2064.3	*2077.6	729.6	758.1	767.4	2746.9	2822.4	*2845.0
December	2019.1	2062.7	2070.1	733.9	760.2	765.7	2753.0	2822.9	2835.8
January	2028.2	(a)2050.6		726.2	754.2		2754.4	(a)2804.8	
February	2037.5	2078.9		734.9	761.4		2772.4	2840.3	
March	2044.1	2078.5		739.6	764.1		2783.7	2842.6	
April	2049.7	2084.3		738.1	762.2		2787.8	2846.5	
May	2054.5	2086.7		739.3	762.6		2793.8	2849.3	
June	2058.2	2083.2		740.6	760.9		2798.8	2844.1	

(a) Affected by industrial disputes. * Revised.

TABLE 4 : TOTAL CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES AND DEFENCE FORCES : AUSTRALIA
(EXCLUDING Wage Earners in Rural Industry and in Private Domestic Service)

(Thousands)

Month	Civilian Employees (excl. Rural Industry and Private Domestic Service)									Defence Forces (b)
	Males			Females			Persons			
	Govt. Authorities (a)	Private Employment	Total	Govt. Authorities (a)	Private Employment	Total	Govt. Authorities (a)	Private Employment	Total	
1939 July	349.8	943.3	1,293.1	55.2	381.9	437.1	405.0	1,325.2	1,730.2	12.9
1941 July	375.3	988.1	1,363.4	70.8	485.4	556.2	446.1	1,473.5	1,919.6	284.6
1942 June	420.9	888.6	1,309.5	100.8	502.8	603.6	521.7	1,391.4	1,913.1	634.0
1943 June	413.3	859.9	1,273.2	135.9	504.8	640.7	549.2	1,364.7	1,913.9	729.0
1944 June	404.5	871.1	1,275.6	134.0	497.5	631.5	538.5	1,368.6	1,907.1	704.4
1945 June	400.2	896.1	1,296.3	124.8	494.6	619.4	525.0	1,390.7	1,915.7	648.9
1946 June	435.0	1,071.5	1,506.5	94.0	502.0	596.0	529.0	1,573.5	2,102.5	143.4
1947 June	472.0	1,177.4	1,649.4	92.1	527.5	619.6	564.1	1,704.9	2,269.0	54.0
1948 June	494.0	1,236.9	1,730.9	94.9	549.1	644.0	588.9	1,786.0	2,374.9	39.3
1949 May (c)	518.9	1,268.2	1,787.1	99.2	564.9	664.1	618.1	1,833.1	2,451.2	33.6
1950 June	554.3	1,304.4	1,858.7	107.7	580.5	688.2	662.0	1,884.9	2,546.9	33.7
1951 June	571.2	1,340.3	1,911.5	113.9	604.9	718.8	685.1	1,945.2	2,630.3	44.3
1952 June (d)	578.4	1,329.7	1,908.1	115.3	564.1	679.4	693.7	1,893.8	2,587.5	69.4
1953 June	567.8	1,319.0	1,886.8	112.0	561.7	673.7	679.8	1,880.7	2,560.5	67.4
1954 June	581.4	1,367.0	1,948.4	114.5	593.0	707.5	695.9	1,960.0	2,655.9	62.1
1955 June	599.1	1,401.4	2,000.5	122.8	615.7	738.5	721.9	2,017.1	2,739.0	59.8
1956 June	604.8	1,421.1	2,025.9	129.8	629.1	758.9	734.6	2,050.2	2,784.8	59.3
1954 Nov.	583.6	1,381.2	1,964.8	117.0	610.5	727.5	700.6	1,991.7	2,692.3	54.6
Dec.	584.7	1,384.3	1,969.0	116.3	615.6	731.9	701.0	1,999.9	2,700.9	52.1
1955 Jan.	585.8	1,382.3	1,968.1	116.2	608.0	724.2	702.0	1,990.3	2,692.3	62.1
Feb.	589.2	1,388.2	1,977.4	119.3	613.5	732.8	708.5	2,001.7	2,710.2	62.2
March	592.3	1,393.9	1,986.2	121.3	616.2	737.5	713.6	2,010.1	2,723.7	60.0
April	595.3	1,395.5	1,990.8	121.4	614.6	736.0	716.7	2,010.1	2,726.8	61.0
May	596.9	1,398.5	1,995.4	121.8	615.4	737.2	718.7	2,013.9	2,732.6	61.2
June	599.1	1,401.4	2,000.5	122.8	615.7	738.5	721.9	2,017.1	2,739.0	59.8
July(e)	596.1	1,399.9	1,996.0	123.6	615.1	738.7	719.7	2,015.0	2,734.7	62.0
Aug.	598.3	1,401.3	1,999.6	124.2	616.7	740.9	722.5	2,018.0	2,740.5	62.4
Sep.	597.5	1,405.6	2,003.1	123.7	620.2	743.9	721.2	2,025.8	2,747.0	62.2
Oct.	595.0	1,406.7	2,001.7	124.0	623.8	747.8	719.0	2,030.5	2,749.5	62.0
Nov.	595.2	1,417.2	2,012.4	124.9	631.2	756.1	720.1	2,048.4	2,768.5	53.9
Dec.	596.3	1,416.6	2,012.9	124.0	634.2	758.2	720.3	2,050.8	2,771.1	51.8
1956 Jan.(e)	595.3	1,395.4	1,990.7	123.9	628.3	752.2	719.2	2,023.7	2,742.9	61.9
Feb.	597.5	1,421.3	2,018.8	127.3	632.1	759.4	724.8	2,053.4	2,778.2	62.1
March	598.9	1,421.2	2,020.1	128.7	633.5	762.2	727.6	2,054.7	2,782.3	60.3
April	601.1	1,424.3	2,025.4	129.3	631.0	760.3	730.4	2,055.3	2,785.7	60.8
May	603.6	1,424.5	2,028.1	129.7	630.9	760.6	733.3	2,055.4	2,788.7	60.6
June *	604.9	1,421.0	2,025.9	129.8	629.1	758.9	734.7	2,050.1	2,784.8	59.3
July	605.7	1,416.2	2,021.9	130.8	626.8	757.6	736.5	2,043.0	2,779.5	61.6
Aug.	605.7	1,414.3	2,020.0	130.6	625.7	756.3	736.3	2,040.0	2,776.3	61.5
Sep.	604.0	1,416.1	2,020.1	129.9	627.1	757.0	733.9	2,043.2	2,777.1	60.7
Oct.	601.6	1,416.5	2,018.1	129.3	630.0	759.3	730.9	2,046.5	2,777.4	59.9
Nov. *	602.6	1,424.7	2,027.3	129.6	635.9	765.5	732.2	2,060.6	2,792.8	52.2
Dec.	602.5	1,420.1	2,022.6	128.4	635.4	763.8	730.9	2,055.5	2,786.4	49.4

(a) Includes all employees of Governmental Authorities (Commonwealth, State, Local and Semi-Governmental) on services such as railways, tramways, banks, post office, air transport, education, broadcasting, police, public works, factories and munitions establishments, migrant hostels, etc., as well as administrative employees, within Australia. (b) Includes members of Permanent and Oversea Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in camp. Non-enlisted personnel are included. Rural workers and students in camp undergoing National Service Training are excluded. (c) Figures for May, 1949 have been used for purposes of annual comparison because of the effects of the coal dispute in June, 1949. (d) See Preface on page 1 hereof as to effects of fluctuations in numbers of Defence Forces and Trainees since August, 1951. (e) Affected by industrial disputes. * Revised.

TABLE 5 : CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES OF GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITIES, DECEMBER, 1956

STATES AND TERRITORIES
(Thousands)

State or Territory	Commonwealth (a)						State and Semi-Govt. (a)		Local Govt. (a)		Total Governmental (a)		
	Defence Group		Other		Total		M	F	M	F	M	F	P
	M	F	M	F	M	F							
New South Wales	8.8	1.0	46.3	14.1	55.1	15.1	133.0	25.8	26.9	2.9	215.0	43.8	258.8
Victoria	14.7	4.2	35.3	11.0	50.0	15.2	96.6	23.9	13.1	1.7	159.7	40.8	200.5
Queensland	1.1	0.2	16.8	4.5	17.9	4.7	54.1	7.7	17.6	0.9	89.6	13.3	102.9
South Australia	3.5	0.6	12.8	2.9	16.3	3.5	38.3	9.5	3.2	0.3	57.8	13.3	71.1
Western Australia	0.6	0.1	8.3	2.1	8.9	2.2	37.9	6.5	3.5	0.3	50.3	9.0	59.3
Tasmania	0.1	0.1	4.4	1.1	4.5	1.2	13.6	3.8	2.1	0.2	20.2	5.2	25.4
Northern Territory	0.1	—	2.5	0.7	2.6	0.7	—	—	—	—	2.6	0.7	3.3
Aust. Cap. Terr.	0.1	—	7.2	2.3	7.3	2.3	—	—	—	—	7.3	2.3	9.6
Total, December, 1956	29.0	6.2	133.6	38.7	162.6	44.9	373.5	77.2	66.4	6.3	602.5	128.4	730.9
Total, November, 1956	29.0	6.2	133.6	39.5	162.6	45.7	373.8	77.6	66.2	6.3	602.6	129.6	732.2

(a) See note (a) to Table 4 on previous page.

TABLE 6 : WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT

STATES AND TERRITORIES

(EXCLUDING Wage Earners in Rural Industry and Private Domestic Service)
(Personnel in Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in Camp are also excluded)
(Thousands)

State or Territory	June, 1950	June, 1951	June, 1952	June, 1953	June, 1954	June, 1955	June, 1956	November, 1956	December, 1956
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MALES

New South Wales	740.8	758.2	754.4	734.3	758.1	779.2	787.8	*790.6	791.6
Victoria	510.7	525.8	524.4	521.6	539.7	556.7	564.2	563.8	563.1
Queensland	250.4	259.3	258.1	255.2	263.7	272.0	276.0	277.4	272.0
South Australia	165.7	170.0	171.5	170.6	176.0	178.7	184.5	182.5	182.2
Western Australia	120.5	125.3	126.0	130.2	135.0	136.4	135.5	134.8	134.7
Tasmania	58.4	60.2	61.0	61.8	62.8	64.0	64.4	64.4	65.1
Northern Territory	4.5	4.6	4.4	4.6	4.9	4.8	5.0	5.2	5.2
Aust. Cap. Terr.	7.7	8.1	8.3	8.5	8.2	8.7	8.5	8.6	8.7
Australia:	1858.7	1911.5	1908.1	1886.8	1948.4	2000.5	2025.9	*2027.3	2022.6

FEMALES

New South Wales	278.5	290.9	270.5	266.2	279.5	292.5	300.2	304.0	304.7
Victoria	210.0	219.6	206.6	205.9	217.7	227.0	233.0	235.5	232.8
Queensland	83.1	86.1	83.8	83.7	86.1	89.3	91.2	92.2	92.0
South Australia	54.3	57.0	54.9	53.4	56.9	60.2	62.9	63.0	62.9
Western Australia	39.9	41.6	40.5	41.0	42.8	43.9	44.6	44.4	44.6
Tasmania	19.4	20.3	19.8	20.1	21.0	21.7	22.8	22.1	22.6
Northern Territory	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.2
Aust. Cap. Terr.	2.1	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.9	3.1	3.1	3.0
Australia:	688.2	718.8	679.4	673.7	707.5	738.5	758.9	765.5	763.8

PERSONS

New South Wales	1019.3	1049.1	1024.9	1000.5	1037.6	1071.7	1088.0	*1094.6	1096.3
Victoria	720.7	745.4	731.0	727.5	757.4	783.7	797.2	799.3	795.9
Queensland	333.5	345.4	341.9	338.9	349.8	361.3	367.2	369.6	364.0
South Australia	220.0	227.0	226.4	224.0	232.9	238.9	247.4	245.5	245.1
Western Australia	160.4	166.9	166.5	171.2	177.8	180.3	180.1	179.2	179.3
Tasmania	77.8	80.5	80.8	81.9	83.8	85.7	87.2	86.5	87.7
Northern Territory	5.4	5.4	5.2	5.5	5.8	5.8	6.1	6.4	6.4
Aust. Cap. Terr.	9.8	10.6	10.8	11.0	10.8	11.6	11.6	11.7	11.7
Australia:	2546.9	2630.3	2587.5	2560.5	2655.9	2739.0	2784.8	*2792.8	2786.4

* Revised.

II. : EMPLOYMENT IN INDUSTRIAL GROUPS

TABLE 7 : WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT - INDUSTRIAL GROUPS

STATES - DECEMBER, 1956

(EXCLUDING Wage Earners in Rural Industry and in Private Domestic Service)
 (Personnel in Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in Camp are also excluded)

(Thousands)

Industrial Group	N.S.W.	VIC.	Q'LD.	S.A.	W.A.	TAS.	AUST. (f)
<u>MALES</u>							
Forestry, Fishing and Trapping	8.1	5.4	5.4	1.8	2.4	2.1	25.6
Mining and Quarrying	29.5	4.7	9.8	1.6	7.8	3.1	57.2
Manufacturing, etc. - Factories (a)	294.6	224.4	71.5	69.2	34.9	20.7	715.3
Other (b)	27.5	18.8	10.7	2.6	2.4	0.7	64.0
<u>Total Manufacturing:</u>	322.1	243.2	82.2	71.8	37.3	21.4	779.3
Building and Construction (including repairs, etc.)	76.6	51.1	36.6	20.1	14.1	8.6	210.2
Shipping and Stevedoring	17.0	11.3	9.3	6.0	5.0	2.5	51.1
Rail and Air Transport	38.7	22.2	22.1	9.9	11.4	2.7	107.4
Other Transport and Communication	61.0	39.6	23.9	12.9	9.0	4.5	151.7
Property and Finance (incl. Banks, etc.)	24.2	18.7	8.4	5.1	3.9	1.5	61.9
Retail Trade	53.5	39.1	16.0	12.2	9.7	3.8	134.8
Wholesale and Other Commerce	51.8	43.7	21.7	15.6	14.6	4.7	152.2
Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.	36.7	28.7	11.8	8.1	7.4	3.8	100.9
Other Industries (g)	72.4	55.4	24.8	17.1	12.1	6.4	190.3
<u>TOTAL MALES:</u>	791.6	563.1	272.0	182.2	134.7	65.1	2022.6
<u>FEMALES</u>							
Manufacturing, etc. - Factories (a)	97.0	87.3	13.7	16.0	6.1	4.7	224.8
Other (b)	1.1	2.3	2.9	0.1	0.9	-	7.4
<u>Total Manufacturing:</u>	98.1	89.6	16.6	16.1	7.0	4.7	232.2
Rail and Air Transport	3.9	2.1	1.3	0.7	0.4	0.1	8.6
Other Transport and Communication (including Shipping, etc.)	11.7	9.4	4.6	2.8	1.4	1.2	31.3
Property and Finance (incl. Banks, etc.)	18.5	11.8	4.7	3.4	2.3	1.0	41.7
Retail Trade	50.0	34.7	16.9	12.9	10.5	4.6	130.0
Wholesale and Other Commerce	18.0	12.4	7.1	4.1	3.4	1.0	46.3
Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.	10.9	7.3	4.5	1.7	2.0	1.0	28.9
Other Industries (g)	93.6	65.5	36.3	21.2	17.6	9.0	244.8
<u>TOTAL FEMALES:</u>	304.7	232.8	92.0	62.9	44.6	22.6	763.8
<u>PERSONS</u>							
Forestry, Fishing and Trapping	8.2	5.5	5.4	1.8	2.4	2.1	25.8
Mining and Quarrying	29.8	4.8	10.2	1.7	8.0	3.2	58.4
Manufacturing, etc. - Factories (a)	391.6	311.7	85.2	85.2	41.0	25.4	940.1
Other (b)	28.6	21.1	13.6	2.7	3.3	0.7	71.4
<u>Total Manufacturing:</u>	420.2	332.8	98.8	87.9	44.3	26.1	1011.5
Building and Construction (including repairs, etc.)	78.9	52.4	37.2	20.6	14.4	8.7	215.4
Shipping and Stevedoring	18.1	11.9	9.6	6.2	5.2	2.6	53.6
Rail and Air Transport	42.6	24.3	23.4	10.6	11.8	2.8	116.0
Other Transport and Communication	71.6	48.4	28.2	15.5	10.2	5.6	180.5
Property and Finance (incl. Banks, etc.)	42.7	30.5	13.1	8.5	6.2	2.5	103.6
Retail Trade	103.5	73.8	32.9	25.1	20.2	8.4	264.8
Wholesale and Other Commerce	69.8	56.1	28.8	19.7	18.0	5.7	198.5
Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.	47.6	36.0	16.3	9.8	9.4	4.8	129.8
Other Industries (g)	163.3	119.4	60.1	37.7	29.2	15.2	428.5
<u>TOTAL PERSONS:</u>	1096.3	795.9	364.0	245.1	179.3	87.7	2786.4

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TABLE 8 : WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT - INDUSTRIAL GROUPS

AUSTRALIA

(EXCLUDING Wage Earners in Rural Industry and in Private Domestic Service)
 (Personnel in Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in Camp are also excluded)
 (Thousands)

Industrial Group	Nov., 1955	Dec., 1955	Sept., 1956	Oct., 1956	Nov., 1956	Dec., 1956
MALES						
<u>Forestry, Fishing and Trapping</u>	26.7	26.7	26.1	25.9	25.7	25.6
<u>Mining -</u>						
Gold	7.4	7.3	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.4
Silver, Lead, Zinc	10.0	9.9	10.2	10.2	10.2	10.2
Coal	28.1	27.8	27.0	26.8	26.6	26.5
Other (incl. Quarries)	12.2	12.2	12.9	13.1	13.1	13.1
<u>Total Mining and Quarrying</u>	57.7	57.2	57.5	57.5	57.3	57.2
<u>Manufacturing, etc. -</u>						
Factories (a)	722.4	718.5	718.1	716.9	*719.3	715.3
Other (b)	62.9	62.9	64.4	64.2	64.1	64.0
<u>Total Manufacturing</u>	785.3	781.4	782.5	781.1	*783.4	779.3
<u>Building and Construction (incl. repairs, etc.)</u>						
Building (Privately employed) (c)	94.6	92.8	99.4	98.2	98.7	97.1
Other (d)	114.0	112.6	113.0	112.8	113.3	113.1
<u>Total Building and Construction</u>	208.6	205.4	212.4	211.0	212.0	210.2
<u>Transport and Communication</u>						
Road Transport	85.3	85.5	85.8	85.8	86.1	85.8
Shipping and Stevedoring	51.1	50.9	51.4	51.7	51.4	51.1
Rail and Air Transport	107.2	107.8	108.7	108.4	108.0	107.4
Communication	65.0	64.8	65.1	65.3	66.2	65.9
<u>Total Transport, etc.</u>	308.6	309.0	311.0	311.2	311.7	310.2
<u>Property and Finance, (incl. Banks and Insurance)</u>						
	59.4	59.9	61.6	61.5	61.6	61.9
<u>Commerce -</u>						
Wholesale Trade	125.0	125.8	125.2	124.7	125.1	125.1
Primary Produce Agencies	26.1	26.6	26.1	26.0	27.4	27.1
Retail Trade	131.9	135.6	128.7	129.2	131.9	134.8
<u>Total Commerce</u>	283.0	288.0	280.0	279.9	284.4	287.0
<u>Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.</u>	99.7	100.1	100.6	100.5	100.7	100.9
<u>Other</u>						
Law and Order	20.4	20.4	21.1	21.3	21.3	21.4
Religion and Social Welfare	11.4	11.4	11.4	11.4	11.4	11.4
Health Services	26.4	26.5	26.7	26.8	26.8	26.9
Education	38.6	39.0	41.1	41.1	41.1	40.8
Other Professional	13.4	13.5	14.5	14.6	14.3	14.3
Entertainment, Sport	18.1	18.1	19.5	20.1	20.7	19.4
Personal Service (e)	55.1	56.3	54.1	54.2	54.9	56.1
<u>Total Other</u>	183.4	185.2	188.4	189.5	190.5	190.3
TOTAL:	2012.4	2012.9	2020.1	2018.1	*2027.3	2022.6
FEMALES						
<u>Forestry, Fishing and Trapping</u>	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
<u>Mining and Quarrying</u>	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
<u>Manufacturing, etc. -</u>						
Factories (a)	228.8	227.6	227.2	227.1	227.4	224.8
Other (b)	7.3	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.4
<u>Total Manufacturing</u>	236.1	235.0	234.6	234.5	234.8	232.2
<u>Building and Construction (incl. repairs, etc.)</u>						
	4.9	4.9	5.1	5.1	5.2	5.2
<u>Transport and Communication</u>						
Road Transport	9.2	9.2	9.4	9.4	9.5	9.3
Shipping and Stevedoring	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
Rail and Air Transport	8.4	8.4	8.6	8.5	8.5	8.6
Communication	19.9	19.0	19.5	19.7	20.2	19.5
<u>Total Transport, etc.</u>	40.0	39.1	40.0	40.1	40.7	39.9

For notes see page 8.

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TABLE 8 : WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT - INDUSTRIAL GROUPS

AUSTRALIA (continued)

(Thousands)

Industrial Group

Nov.,
1955Dec.,
1955Sept.,
1956Oct.,
1956Nov.,
1956Dec.,
1956

FEMALES (continued)

Property and Finance (incl. Banks and Insurance)	38.5	38.8	41.7	41.6	41.7	41.7
Commerce -						
Wholesale Trade	40.3	40.5	40.0	40.2	40.2	40.2
Primary Produce Agencies	5.8	5.8	6.0	6.1	6.1	6.1
Retail Trade	128.8	132.3	121.1	122.2	126.5	130.0
Total Commerce	174.9	178.6	167.1	168.5	172.8	176.3
Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.	28.4	28.5	29.4	29.2	29.0	28.9
Other -						
Law and Order	9.6	9.6	9.9	9.8	9.9	9.8
Religion and Social Welfare	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0
Health Services	75.1	74.7	78.4	78.6	78.6	77.8
Education	48.2	48.4	50.8	50.8	50.9	50.5
Other Professional	10.1	10.1	10.3	10.3	10.3	10.4
Entertainment, Sport	8.8	9.0	9.5	10.0	10.5	9.4
Personal Service (e)	71.2	71.2	69.8	70.4	70.7	71.3
Total Other	232.0	232.0	237.7	238.9	239.9	238.2
TOTAL	756.1	758.2	757.0	759.3	765.5	763.8

PERSONS

Forestry, Fishing and Trapping	26.9	26.9	26.3	26.1	25.9	25.8
Mining -						
Gold	7.5	7.4	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.6
Silver, Lead, Zinc	10.3	10.2	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5
Coal	28.3	28.0	27.2	27.0	26.8	26.7
Other (incl. Quarries)	12.7	12.7	13.4	13.6	13.6	13.6
Total Mining and Quarrying	58.8	58.3	58.7	58.7	58.5	58.4
Manufacturing, etc. -						
Factories (a)	951.2	946.1	945.3	944.0	*946.7	940.1
Other (b)	70.2	70.3	71.8	71.6	71.5	71.4
Total Manufacturing	1021.4	1016.4	1017.1	1015.6	*1018.2	1011.5
Building and Construction (incl. repairs, etc.)						
Building (privately employed) (c)	97.4	95.6	102.2	101.0	101.5	99.9
Other (d)	116.1	114.7	115.3	115.1	115.7	115.5
Total Building and Construction	213.5	210.3	217.5	216.1	217.2	215.4
Transport and Communication						
Road Transport	94.5	94.7	95.2	95.2	95.6	95.1
Shipping and Stevedoring	53.6	53.4	53.9	54.2	53.9	53.6
Rail and Air Transport	115.6	116.2	117.3	116.9	116.5	116.0
Communication	84.9	83.8	84.6	85.0	86.4	85.4
Total Transport, etc.	348.6	348.1	351.0	351.3	352.4	350.1
Property and Finance (incl. Banks and Insurance)	97.9	98.7	103.3	103.1	103.3	103.6
Commerce -						
Wholesale Trade	165.3	166.3	165.2	164.9	165.3	165.3
Primary Produce Agencies	31.9	32.4	32.1	32.1	33.5	33.2
Retail Trade	260.7	267.9	249.8	251.4	258.4	264.8
Total Commerce	457.9	466.6	447.1	448.4	457.2	463.3
Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.	128.1	128.6	130.0	129.7	129.7	129.8
Other -						
Law and Order	30.0	30.0	31.0	31.1	31.2	31.2
Religion and Social Welfare	20.4	20.4	20.4	20.4	20.4	20.4
Health Services	101.5	101.2	105.1	105.4	105.4	104.7
Education	86.8	87.4	91.9	91.9	92.0	91.3
Other Professional	23.5	23.6	24.8	24.9	24.6	24.7
Entertainment, Sport	26.9	27.1	29.0	30.1	31.2	28.8
Personal Service (e)	126.3	127.5	123.9	124.6	125.6	127.4
Total Other	415.4	417.2	426.1	428.4	430.4	428.5
TOTAL	2768.5	2771.1	2777.1	2777.4	*2792.8	2786.4

For notes see page 8.

* Revised.

NOTES TO TABLES 7 AND 8

- (a) Refers to estimated employment in factories as defined for the purpose of the annual production census, results of which are published annually in the Secondary Industries Bulletin. In this connexion, a factory is defined as an industrial establishment in which four or more persons are employed, or in which power, other than manual, is used. The employees covered are those engaged in manufacturing activities and exclude those engaged in selling and distribution, etc. Revision will be necessary in the estimates herein to numbers of employees in factories since June, 1948, within the above definition. A new series of returns was instituted as from January, 1952, which shows the same approximate trend as the figures herein since that date. A survey of the results obtained from this series is presented in Section III.
- (b) Includes employees in industrial establishments outside the scope of the definition of a factory (given in (a) above) and persons employed by factory proprietors but engaged in selling or distribution, etc., who are excluded from figures shown opposite "Factories".
- (c) Includes persons employed on private building, and employees of private employers contracting to public authorities, on building construction, alterations, maintenance and repairs.
- (d) Includes employees on construction of roads, bridges, earthworks, etc., and employees directly employed by public authorities on building and maintenance of buildings.
- (e) Includes Hotels, Restaurants, Hairdressing and Other Personal Services (except female private domestics).
- (f) Includes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.
- (g) Includes Law and Order, Religion and Social Welfare, Health, Education, other Professional Services, Entertainment, etc., and Personal Service (Hotels, Restaurants, etc., excluding female private domestics). In respect of females only, also includes Forestry, Fishing, etc., Mining, Building and Construction.

III. EMPLOYMENT IN LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES

By joint arrangement between the Secretary of the Department of Labour and National Service and the Acting Commonwealth Statistician, a regular monthly survey of employment in the larger privately-owned factories of New South Wales and Victoria was instituted in January, 1952. Practically all private factories with 100 or more employees and a large section of those with between 50 and 100 employees were surveyed.

The instruction as to employees to be included in the returns was as follows:- "The number of persons employed is to include all persons on the establishment of the factory who are engaged in the factory or on the factory office staff, providing their employment is directly related to manufacture", and further ".....the number of males and females (separately) employed in the specified factory or mill. These figures are to include factory office staff, but are to exclude selling and distribution staff". The figures obtained relate to the numbers on the pay-roll as at the last pay-day in the month.

The survey was instituted to provide an earlier indication of trend of private factory employment, month by month, than is available from any other source, and in fact, the trends shown in employment in these larger private factories are broadly consonant with those shown in estimates of total private factory employment, derived from Pay-roll Tax Returns, for the periods for which comparisons are available.

Employment in food-processing factories is subject to considerable seasonal variation. In view of this circumstance, the movements in "all factories excluding food factories" are given equal prominence in the tables with those in "all factories surveyed".

The survey was extended to cover all States with effect from January, 1953. In Bulletins up to and including No. 152, totals were given for the original two States, for the three remaining mainland States and for the five mainland States together. The figures now shown in Tables 9 and 11 are totals for all six States.

An industrial analysis, showing movements in each of eight broad groups, is given in Table 13. In continuation of the earlier practice, this table is confined to the five mainland States. At the present stage, figures for Tasmania cannot be incorporated into this table in the same detail because of the risk of disclosure of individual factory particulars.

TABLE 9 : EMPLOYMENT IN LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES (a) :

SIX STATES

Period (End of Month)	Employment in all Factories surveyed			Percentage movement since previous month		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
1956 January	375,100	116,507	491,607	--	--	--
February	377,558	120,611	498,169	+ 0.7	+ 3.5	+ 1.3
March	377,013	120,289	497,302	- 0.1	- 0.3	- 0.2
April	377,871	117,874	495,745	+ 0.2	- 2.0	- 0.3
May	377,527	116,874	494,401	- 0.1	- 0.8	- 0.3
June	375,438	115,930	491,368	- 0.6	- 0.8	- 0.6
July	374,429	115,047	489,476	- 0.3	- 0.8	- 0.4
August	372,320	114,505	486,825	- 0.6	- 0.5	- 0.5
September	372,082	114,819	486,901	- 0.1	+ 0.3	--
October	371,952	115,693	487,645	--	+ 0.8	+ 0.2
November	372,204	115,556	487,760	+ 0.1	- 0.1	--
December	370,698	115,797	486,495	- 0.4	+ 0.2	- 0.3
1957 January	368,996	118,477	487,473	- 0.5	+ 2.3	+ 0.2

(a) As the number of reporting factories in the collection varies from year to year, the figures in Tables 9 - 13 are not comparable with those published in previous Bulletins. The figures now published for 1956 have been adjusted to make them comparable with the 1957 collection.

TABLE 10 : EMPLOYMENT IN LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES (a) :

STATES

State	Employment in all Factories surveyed					Percentage movement in employment	
	1956				1957	Nov., 1956-	Dec., 1956-
	January	October	November	December	January	Dec., 1956	Jan., 1957

MALES

New South Wales	150,940	149,074	149,050	149,169	150,690	+ 0.1	+ 1.0
Victoria	114,692	110,754	111,250	111,577	111,769	+ 0.3	+ 0.2
Queensland	34,678	41,679	41,541	39,279	35,184	- 5.4	-10.4
South Australia	43,166	40,158	40,008	40,175	40,523	+ 0.4	+ 0.9
Western Australia	18,740	17,736	17,755	17,707	17,623	- 0.3	- 0.5
Tasmania	12,884	12,551	12,600	12,791	13,207	+ 1.5	+ 3.3
TOTAL	375,100	371,952	372,204	370,698	368,996	- 0.4	- 0.5

FEMALES

New South Wales	46,155	46,110	45,752	45,749	45,957	--	+ 0.5
Victoria	45,069	44,739	44,852	44,841	45,082	--	+ 0.5
Queensland	7,137	8,599	8,621	8,489	8,323	- 1.5	- 2.0
South Australia	10,117	8,537	8,602	8,863	10,908	+ 3.0	+23.1
Western Australia	3,626	3,631	3,663	3,659	3,600	- 0.1	- 1.6
Tasmania	4,403	4,077	4,066	4,196	4,607	+ 3.2	+ 9.8
TOTAL	116,507	115,693	115,556	115,797	118,477	+ 0.2	+ 2.3

PERSONS

New South Wales	197,095	195,184	194,802	194,918	196,647	+ 0.1	+ 0.9
Victoria	159,761	155,493	156,102	156,418	156,851	+ 0.2	+ 0.3
Queensland	41,815	50,278	50,162	47,768	43,507	- 4.8	- 8.9
South Australia	53,283	48,695	48,610	49,038	51,431	+ 0.9	+ 4.9
Western Australia	22,366	21,367	21,418	21,366	21,223	- 0.2	- 0.7
Tasmania	17,287	16,628	16,666	16,987	17,814	+ 1.9	+ 4.9
TOTAL	491,607	487,645	487,760	486,495	487,473	- 0.3	+ 0.2

(a) See note to Table 9.

TABLE 11 : EMPLOYMENT IN LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES (a), EXCLUDING FOOD FACTORIES

SIX STATES

Period (End of Month)	Employment in all Factories surveyed, except Food Factories			Percentage movement since previous month		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
1956 - January	326,073	99,561	425,634	-	-	-
February	325,977	100,845	426,822	-	+ 1.3	+ 0.3
March	325,978	101,336	427,314	-	+ 0.5	+ 0.1
April	326,847	100,968	427,815	+ 0.3	- 0.4	+ 0.1
May	325,697	100,608	426,305	- 0.4	- 0.4	- 0.4
June	323,122	99,999	423,121	- 0.8	- 0.6	- 0.7
July	321,073	99,406	420,479	- 0.6	- 0.6	- 0.6
August	319,850	99,200	419,050	- 0.4	- 0.2	- 0.3
September	319,789	99,930	419,719	-	+ 0.7	+ 0.2
October	319,137	100,402	419,539	- 0.2	+ 0.5	-
November	318,716	100,125	418,841	- 0.1	- 0.3	- 0.2
December	318,934	99,825	418,759	+ 0.1	- 0.3	-
1957 - January	320,096	99,770	419,866	+ 0.4	- 0.1	+ 0.3

(a) See note to Table 9.

TABLE 12 : EMPLOYMENT IN LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES (a), EXCLUDING FOOD FACTORIES

STATES

State	Employment in all Factories surveyed excluding Food Factories					Percentage movement in employment	
	1956				1957	Nov., 1956- Dec., 1956	Dec., 1956- Jan., 1957
	January	October	November	December	January		

MALES

New South Wales	136,855	135,408	135,478	135,529	136,784	-	+ 0.9
Victoria	99,935	96,912	96,651	96,964	97,141	+ 0.3	+ 0.2
Queensland	24,663	25,322	25,298	25,116	25,000	- 0.7	- 0.5
South Australia	38,232	35,874	35,630	35,697	35,599	+ 0.2	- 0.3
West. Australia	16,193	15,215	15,186	15,139	15,118	- 0.3	- 0.1
Tasmania	10,195	10,406	10,473	10,489	10,454	+ 0.2	- 0.3
TOTAL:	326,073	319,137	318,716	318,934	320,096	+ 0.1	+ 0.4

FEMALES

New South Wales	40,241	40,362	40,019	39,800	39,882	- 0.5	+ 0.2
Victoria	40,054	39,911	39,878	39,799	39,503	- 0.2	- 0.7
Queensland	5,691	6,958	6,979	6,908	6,853	- 1.0	- 0.8
South Australia	7,818	7,221	7,273	7,329	7,567	+ 0.8	+ 3.2
West. Australia	2,769	2,798	2,795	2,773	2,737	- 0.8	- 1.3
Tasmania	2,988	3,152	3,181	3,216	3,228	+ 1.1	+ 0.4
TOTAL:	99,561	100,402	100,125	99,825	99,770	- 0.3	- 0.1

PERSONS

New South Wales	177,096	175,770	175,497	175,329	176,666	- 0.1	+ 0.8
Victoria	139,989	136,823	136,529	136,763	136,644	+ 0.2	- 0.1
Queensland	30,354	32,280	32,277	32,024	31,853	- 0.8	- 0.5
South Australia	46,050	43,095	42,903	43,026	43,166	+ 0.3	+ 0.3
West. Australia	18,962	18,013	17,981	17,912	17,855	- 0.4	- 0.3
Tasmania	13,183	13,558	13,654	13,705	13,682	+ 0.4	- 0.2
TOTAL:	425,634	419,539	418,841	418,759	419,866	-	+ 0.3

(a) See note to Table 9.

TABLE 15 : AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID AND AVERAGE EARNINGS

The following figures are derived from employment and wages recorded on Pay-roll Tax returns and from estimates of the unrecorded balance. Pay of members of the armed forces is not included. The figures are not seasonally adjusted. A seasonally adjusted quarterly index of average weekly wage earnings is shown in Table 14.

Period	N.S.W. (a)	VIC.	Q ^{LD} .	S.A. (b)	W.A.	TAS.	AUST.
AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID (£'000)							
1949-50	9,018	6,370	2,838	1,894	1,315	672	22,107
1950-51	11,385	7,916	3,501	2,389	1,639	817	27,647
1951-52	14,364	9,816	4,319	3,018	2,108	1,059	34,684
1952-53	15,090	10,490	4,750	3,311	2,344	1,178	37,163
1953-54	16,043	11,305	5,065	3,561	2,586	1,280	39,840
1954-55	17,357	12,221	5,398	3,839	2,731	1,365	42,911
1955-56	18,955	13,358	5,809	4,195	2,897	1,476	46,690
1953-54							
June Quarter	16,463	11,619	5,245	3,673	2,644	1,356	41,000
1954-55							
September Quarter	16,765	11,848	5,344	3,750	2,729	1,277	41,713
December "	17,918	12,440	5,612	3,862	2,773	1,345	43,950
March "	16,511	11,678	5,017	3,712	2,610	1,346	40,874
June "	18,235	12,916	5,619	4,033	2,813	1,492	45,108
1955-56							
September Quarter	18,454	12,890	5,765	4,097	2,844	1,414	45,464
December "	19,683	13,664	6,034	4,267	2,980	1,462	48,090
March "	18,229	12,832	5,435	4,057	2,849	1,442	44,844
June "	19,453	14,045	6,002	4,359	2,915	1,587	48,361
1956-57							
September Quarter	19,613	13,877	6,145	4,364	3,003	1,529	48,531
AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PER EMPLOYED MALE UNIT (£) (c)							
1949-50	9.50	9.78	8.34	8.83	8.65	8.49	9.26
1950-51	11.46	11.70	9.82	10.58	10.23	9.99	11.09
1951-52	14.24	14.20	11.93	13.13	12.80	12.59	13.65
1952-53	15.50	15.46	13.32	14.58	14.13	13.97	14.95
1953-54	16.15	16.27	14.05	15.30	15.04	14.92	15.69
1954-55	16.96	17.06	14.51	16.09	15.55	15.60	16.42
1955-56	18.16	18.22	15.34	17.10	16.37	16.66	17.51
1953-54							
June Quarter	16.38	16.48	14.33	15.52	15.20	15.51	15.93
1954-55							
September Quarter	16.60	16.76	14.41	15.86	15.62	14.91	16.14
December "	17.53	17.45	15.14	16.26	15.78	15.51	16.86
March "	16.07	16.20	13.59	15.50	14.86	15.20	15.59
June "	17.64	17.81	14.90	16.73	15.92	16.76	17.07
1955-56							
September Quarter	17.79	17.75	15.16	16.98	16.12	16.11	17.16
December "	18.83	18.68	15.89	17.49	16.82	16.65	18.04
March "	17.46	17.43	14.54	16.43	16.08	16.25	16.81
June "	18.57	19.00	15.75	17.51	16.45	17.61	18.02
1956-57							
September Quarter	18.75	18.87	15.97	17.63	17.14	17.15	18.12

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory.

(c) Total wages as above divided by total civilian employment expressed in male units. Male units equals the number of males plus a proportion of females based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings. The same ratio has been used in each State and because the average ratio of female to male earnings may vary between States precise comparisons between average earnings in different States cannot be made on the basis of the figures above.

NOTE:- Comparisons as to trend should be made for complete years or corresponding periods of incomplete years. Quarterly totals and averages are affected by seasonal influences.

TABLE 13 : EMPLOYMENT IN LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES (a) - FIVE MAINLAND STATES

INDUSTRIAL GROUPING						
Industrial Group	Employment in Factories surveyed (5 States)				Percentage move- ment in employment	
	Jan., 1956	Nov., 1956	Dec., 1956	Jan., 1957	Nov., 1956- Dec., 1956	Dec., 1956- Jan., 1957
MALES						
1. Building Materials	34,231	33,375	33,396	33,248	+ 0.1	- 0.4
2. Basic Metals	38,382	39,277	39,518	40,158	+ 0.6	+ 1.6
3. Transportation Equipment	60,541	55,754	55,941	56,180	+ 0.3	+ 0.4
4. Other Metal Manufactures	85,597	81,746	81,635	81,662	- 0.1	-
5. Chemicals & Allied Products	18,967	18,748	18,691	18,956	- 0.3	+ 1.4
6. Clothing and Textiles	32,297	32,840	32,876	33,038	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
7. Food	46,338	51,361	49,462	46,147	- 3.7	- 6.7
8. All Other	45,863	46,503	46,388	46,400	- 0.2	-
Total - All Groups	362,216	359,604	357,907	355,789	- 0.5	- 0.6
Total - Excluding Food	315,878	308,243	308,445	309,642	+ 0.1	+ 0.4

FEMALES						
1. Building Materials	3,050	3,009	2,999	2,970	- 0.3	- 1.0
2. Basic Metals	2,022	2,045	2,049	2,076	+ 0.2	+ 1.3
3. Transportation Equipment	5,572	5,051	5,093	5,024	+ 0.8	- 1.4
4. Other Metal Manufactures	18,332	17,906	17,953	18,294	+ 0.3	+ 1.9
5. Chemicals & Allied Products	4,294	4,280	4,279	4,240	-	- 0.9
6. Clothing and Textiles	50,289	51,740	51,326	51,278	- 0.8	- 0.1
7. Food	15,531	14,546	14,992	17,328	+ 3.1	+15.6
8. All Other	13,014	12,913	12,910	12,660	-	- 1.9
Total - All Groups	112,104	111,490	111,601	113,870	+ 0.1	+ 2.0
Total - Excluding Food	96,573	96,944	96,609	96,542	- 0.3	- 0.1

(a) See note to Table 9.

IV. WAGES AND HOURS OF LABOUR

TABLE 14 : AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE EARNINGS (a) - AUSTRALIA

Index Numbers (Base 1945-46 = 1,000)
Revised Series (Seasonally adjusted)

Year	Index Numbers		Quarter	Index Numbers	
	All Industries (b)	Manufacturing		All Industries (b)	Manufacturing
1945-46	1,000	1,000	1954 -		
1946-47	1,037	1,056	June Quarter	2,477	2,534
1947-48	1,164	1,206	Sept. "	2,522	2,635
1948-49	1,322	1,365	Dec. "	2,524	2,614
1949-50	1,451	1,505	1955 -		
			March "	2,589	2,732
1950-51	1,742	1,810	June "	2,652	2,758
1951-52	2,145	2,213	Sept. "	2,689	2,798
1952-53	2,350	2,394	Dec. "	2,731	2,841
1953-54	2,462	2,511	1956 -		
			March "	2,749	2,851
1954-55	2,572	2,685	June "	2,801	2,889
1955-56	2,743	2,845	Sept. "	2,863	2,959

(a) Includes salaries. (b) Average earnings per male unit employed. Male units represent total male employment plus a proportion of female employment based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings.

NOTE:- The index numbers for "All Industries" and "Manufacturing" show the movement in average earnings over a period of time. They do not, however, give at any point of time, a comparison of actual earnings in the two groups.

The "All Industries" index is based on Pay-roll Tax Returns and other data. The index for manufacturing industries for the years 1945-46 to 1954-55 is based on the average earnings of male wage and salary earners employed in factories as disclosed by annual factory returns. The figures subsequent to June, 1955 are preliminary estimates based on Pay-roll Tax returns.

TABLE 16 : AVERAGE NOMINAL WEEKLY WAGE RATES INDEX NUMBERS : ADULT MALES
INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - STATES (a)

The index numbers in the following tables are based on averages of wages for a full week's work obtained from awards, determinations and industrial agreements. The average rate of wage for each industrial group in each State is the arithmetical average of the rates of wage payable for classified occupations within that group. The figures for "All Groups" for each State and for each industrial group in Australia are weighted averages.

The base of each index number is the weighted average weekly wage for Australia of all industrial groups for the three years ended 30th June, 1939 = 100.

Industrial Group	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'd.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (b)
<u>30TH SEPTEMBER, 1956.</u>							
I. Wood, Furniture, etc.	356	335	321	329	349	341	341
II. Engineering, Metal Works, etc.	339	329	351	323	350	344	336
III. Food, Drink, etc.	343	346	315	335	339	357	338
IV. Clothing, Textiles, etc.	325	326	332	332	337	324	327
V. Books, Printing, etc.	392	386	371	367	402	386	386
VI. Other Manufacturing	344	333	313	330	338	351	336
VII. Building	388	374	357	350	367	365	375
VIII. Mining (c)	348	348	329	315	364	336	346
IX. Rail and Tram Services	362	358	339	328	341	363	353
X. Other Land Transport	340	319	309	310	338	327	327
XI. Shipping, etc. (d)	358	359	355	357	357	358	357
XII. Pastoral, Agricultural, etc. (e)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, etc.	326	324	291	296	315	314	317
XIV. Miscellaneous	339	336	304	305	329	327	330
<u>All Groups (b)(f)</u>	359	346	334	329	349	355	348

<u>31ST DECEMBER, 1956.</u>							
I. Wood, Furniture, etc.	363	335	326	329	353	341	345
II. Engineering, Metal Works, etc.	344	329	355	323	354	344	338
III. Food, Drink, etc.	351	348	320	335	342	357	343
IV. Clothing, Textiles, etc.	328	326	332	332	337	324	328
V. Books, Printing, etc.	399	386	373	367	404	386	389
VI. Other Manufacturing	350	334	316	330	341	351	339
VII. Building	398	374	362	350	371	365	379
VIII. Mining (c)	353	348	331	315	368	336	349
IX. Rail and Tram Services	376	358	345	328	345	363	359
X. Other Land Transport	352	319	313	310	342	327	333
XI. Shipping, etc. (d)	363	363	360	361	361	362	362
XII. Pastoral, Agricultural, etc. (e)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, etc.	331	324	297	296	319	314	321
XIV. Miscellaneous	350	336	311	305	333	327	334
<u>All Groups (b)(f)</u>	367	347	338	329	353	355	353

(a) The figures of nominal wages are in course of revision to meet changes in industrial structure.

(b) Weighted average.

(c) Average rates of wage on which index numbers are based are those prevailing at the principal mining centres in each State and exclude district allowances in the gold-mining industry.

(d) Average rates of wage on which index numbers are based are for occupations other than master, officers, and engineers in the Merchant Marine Service, and include value of keep, where supplied.

(e) Not available.

(f) For September and December, 1956 the "All Groups" average weekly wage index numbers have been calculated by applying to the "All Groups" index numbers for December, 1955 the percentage movement from December to September and December respectively, as shown by the index numbers for "All Groups", Excluding XI and XII.

TABLE 17 : AVERAGE NOMINAL HOURLY WAGE RATES INDEX NUMBERS : ADULT MALES, STATES (a)

The index numbers in the following table are based on average wage rates and hours of labour for a full week's work obtained from awards, determinations and industrial agreements. The average rate of wage for each State is the weighted average of the wage rates for each industrial group in the State. The average rate of wage for Australia is the weighted average of the wage rates for each State.

The base of each index number is the weighted average hourly wage for Australia for the three years ended 30th June, 1939 = 100.

Date	N.S.W.	VIC.	Q'LD.	S.A.	W.A.	TAS.	AUST. (b)
31st December, 1938	109	98	109	92	111	94	104
" " 1945	136	133	133	124	138	127	133
" " 1946	146	143	142	132	141	137	143
" " 1947	168	153	139	152	155	149	158
" " 1948	192	188	179	183	190	184	188
" " 1949	206	204	196	197	208	198	203
" " 1950	248	244	228	234	250	239	243
" " 1951	300	290	268	279	300	287	291
" " 1952	338	327	308	322	342	326	329
" " 1953	346	336	316	327	352	341	338
" " 1954	349	340	325	332	353	345	342
30th September, 1955	356	351	331	336	370	350	350
31st December, 1955	365	355	334	337	370	350	355
31st March, 1956	368	358	336	337	372	355	358
30th June, 1956	373	367	342	349	375	368	365
30th September, 1956	379	372	350	349	380	369	370
31st December, 1956	388	372	355	349	385	369	375

(a) Weighted average hourly rates of wage for all industrial groups except Groups XI (Shipping, etc.) and XII (Pastoral, Agricultural, etc.). The figures of nominal wages are in course of revision to meet changes in industrial structure.

(b) Weighted average.

V. UNEMPLOYMENT

TABLE 18 : NUMBER OF PERSONS RECEIVING UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT, STATES

Compiled from information furnished by the Department of Social Services on the operation of the Unemployment and Sickness Benefits Act 1944 (from 1st July, 1947, Part VII of the Social Services Act 1947-1954) which came into effect on 1st July, 1945. From June, 1951 onwards figures are as furnished by the Department of Social Services.

Number of Persons on Benefit at end of each Month (a)

Month	N.S.W. (b)	VIC.	Q'LD.	S.A. (c)	W.A.	TAS.	Australia		
							Males	Females	Persons
1947 June	1,400	667	3,231	105	761	44	5,981	227	6,208
1948 June	339	66	1,173	20	212	28	1,718	120	1,838
1949 May	222	33	809	12	91	29	1,102	94	1,196
1950 June	335	151	568	32	108	32	998	228	1,226
1951 June (d)	246	32	263	3	50	10	457	147	604
1952 June	4,613	1,133	2,055	153	236	104	6,108	2,186	8,294
1953 June (e)	14,629	5,939	3,677	655	691	323	21,552	4,362	25,914
1954 June	2,810	1,203	1,657	79	225	109	4,360	1,723	6,083
1955 June	1,042	319	964	70	239	45	1,670	1,009	2,679
1956 February	1,937	341	3,371	55	374	50	5,217	911	6,128
March	2,245	350	3,268	64	536	31	5,448	1,046	6,494
April	1,789	566	2,223	88	683	30	4,230	1,149	5,379
May	1,848	760	1,562	141	989	36	4,037	1,299	5,336
June	2,325	1,412	1,270	319	1,606	71	5,395	1,608	7,003
July	3,073	2,515	909	494	2,082	91	7,239	1,925	9,164
August	3,119	3,129	809	706	2,304	110	8,274	1,903	10,177
September	3,220	2,949	792	674	1,871	108	7,828	1,786	9,614
October	3,133	3,067	829	640	1,788	88	7,665	1,880	9,545
November	3,324	3,085	821	771	1,666	92	7,805	1,954	9,759
December	4,365	3,593	2,118	978	2,126	97	11,141	2,136	13,277
1957 January	4,303	3,493	4,083	703	2,244	88	12,793	2,121	14,914

(a) Last Saturday of month. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory.
(c) Includes Northern Territory. (d) From May, 1951 to September, 1952 the figures represent the number of persons on the cash sheet. (e) From October, 1952 the figures represent the number actually on benefit.

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